GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3039
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BAN ON FLIGHT TO IRAQ
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether ban on flights to Iraq exists as per U.N. Notification;

(b) if so, whether during visit to Iraq recently by the State Minister he has offered to defy enbarg; and

(c) if so, the policy of the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV)

(a), (b) and (c): The question of air services to Iraq is a matter involving interpretation of the relevant U.N. Security Council Resolutions. During his visit to Iraq in September, 2000, the Minister of State for External Affairs has only clarified that the issue is beingstudied by the Government of India.